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It is said that the Boer war is bearing heavily on the British Lion.

At Anna, Ill., two cats have smallpox, but some of the citizens of Paducah who have planted flowers declare that isn't half as bad as having all the cows afflicted with somnambulism.

Senator Eldridge, of Tennessee, sprung a sensation in the legislature by declaring that Comptroller Harris had offered him \$500 to vote for the Terminal bill. The idea of offering only \$500!

Now that the excitement over Aguinaldo's capture has died down, the report has been started and vouched for by "reliable persons" that it is not Aguinaldo at all, but Aguinaldo's cousin who is in custody. The staff correspondents must have something to write about.

Scientists have practically demonstrated that the Boxer uprising was due to hysteria, to which the Chinese, despite their tranquil demeanor, are particularly prone, and that Mrs. Nation's antics are due to the same species of disease. In neither instance, however, have they suggested a remedy.

The Metropolis Herald of Thursday thus apologizes for its appearance on half a sheet:

"The Herald appears as a half sheet today, for the reason that the paper for the regular four page size has failed to arrive from St. Louis. It is one of those circumstances which make publishers swear and which we cannot help."

The editor fails to state how hard he swore, but judging from the looks of the paper he had plenty of time, and doubtless did a good job.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that a divorce, in order to be valid in states other than the one in which it is granted, must have been applied for and obtained in a state where the couple have had a matrimonial domicile, or more plainly, in a state where they have resided as man and wife. There is a great demand for a modification of the divorce laws of the country so as to make them universally applicable, the same in one state as in another, and the recent decision of the supreme court seems to have aroused pulpits and press to the advantages and necessities of a general law governing both marriages and divorces in this country.

Mr. Bryan, in the Commoner, published yesterday, further evidences his disapproval of that so-called Democratic victory, the election of Mr. Rolla Wells as mayor of St. Louis. He says: "The St. Louis Chronicle is charging that Mayor Wells was elected by fraud. This is adding insult to injury. To run seventeen thousand votes behind the national ticket, and then owe his election to Republican votes, is bad enough, without having a suspicion cast on his title. The election of Mr. Wells in St. Louis has served at least one useful purpose. It has brought out the fact that the great dailies which bolted the Democratic national ticket in 1896 and in 1900 are unanimous in the opinion that it is an unpardonable sin to oppose the election of a candidate on a municipal ticket, especially when that candidate refuses to accept the principles of the party which nominated him."

It has become an extremely serious offense in this state to steal anything however trivial, especially if the property is subsequently sold by the thief. The higher courts have decided that where a person sells stolen

property, even if he makes no pretense at all, but simply collects the money, by so doing he tacitly represents to the purchaser that the property is his own, and in selling it obtains what is paid him, by false pretenses. In this way an article worth less than half a dollar, stolen and disposed of, has landed a number of offenders in the penitentiary from one to five years in the courts here. But for the new construction of the law, the prisoner would probably have served a few months in jail for petty larceny, and then been released to do more petty stealing. One example of the good effects of the law is found in the case of a tramp who stole a cloak in Paducah from a dummy last winter and sold it for seventy-five cents. He probably thought if he got caught, he would be given thirty or sixty days in jail for petty larceny, the article being valued at less than \$20, and thus secure a good home for the cold winter months. Instead, he was tried day before yesterday for obtaining money by false pretenses, and given three years. Thus for seventy-five cents which he could have earned in less than a day at most any kind of work, he will now have to spend three years at hard labor, be deprived of his liberty, and when he is free again carry with him through life the brand of a felon. This is only one of many examples that might be found. If there is anything the average thief lacks more than honesty it is intelligence, for it is safe to assume that a majority of such crimes are committed with the firm belief that they will never be detected and the culprit punished, although the overflowing condition of all the prisons is conclusive proof to the contrary.

Paducah is to become a second class city in less than a year, and under the charter of cities of the second class there is no city marshal. A Democratic primary is to be held in May, at which a candidate for city marshal is to be nominated. It seems that it would save unnecessary trouble and expense for the present city council, which has the power under the charter, to abolish the office at once, before any nomination is made for the place. The ordinance abolishing it could not be effective until the term of the present marshal expires in December, and as the charter provides "The common council may, by ordinance, abolish or restore the office of marshal, and when so abolished the duties herein imposed on the marshal shall be performed by such other officer as the common council shall designate or appoint," the few weeks intervening before the city entered the second class could be filled by some one appointed or designated by the council. If the charter of cities of the second class does not provide for a marshal, it is reasonable to assume that no marshal is needed. If no marshal is needed, what is the use in making a nomination, if one is not to be elected in November, and why elect one in November, if one will not be needed after January? If a marshal is elected in November it will mean an unnecessary expense for an unnecessary officer for the next four years, and as the council knows this, there is no reason why it should defer abolishing the office, unless it intends to saddle this additional expense on the people for four years.

A Chicago attorney adopted a rather unusual method of showing his disapproval of officious relatives who had been instrumental in separating him and his young wife. He wrote a note that has been published to the world, declaring that certain relatives whom he names were the cause of the ensuing tragedy, and then killed his wife and committed suicide. Such things ought to be an admonition to meddle some people, but past experiences justify the belief that they are not.

The Louisville Board of Trade Journal has made its bow to the public. It is a journal to be devoted exclusively to the business interests of Louisville, Kentucky, and the south. It will be published semi-monthly and its projectors are Messrs. Perry Farnesley, president, and J. E. Shelton, secretary and treasurer. The latter is a Mayfield boy and formerly worked in Paducah on The Sun.

SHOT AT NEWBERN

Frank Lutz, a Paducah Boy, Was Killed There Last Night.

A BROTHER HERE NOTIFIED

The Name of His Slayer Is James Childress and Both Were Working on a Farm.

BURIAL AT UNION CITY, TENNESSEE

From Saturday's Daily

Frank Lutz, a well known young man of Paducah, was shot and killed last evening about 8 o'clock by James Childress, near Newbern, Tenn., on a farm where both were at work.

Young Lutz was a brother to Messrs. Tom and Louis Lutz, of Paducah, and was until about six weeks ago employed as a varnisher at the Paducah Furniture factory, of which one of his brothers, Mr. Louis Lutz, is foreman.

He went to Newbern and secured work on a farm belonging to the father of his slayer, a man named Childress. It is not known how the trouble came about, but it is supposed both young men were drinking, and had a fight.

Mr. Louis Lutz attempted to talk over the long distance telephone this morning and learn the particulars, but could not understand what was said on account of the high winds.

The dead man was 26 years old, and unmarried. His parents also live here with his brother at 1027 South Fourth street.

Messrs. Louis and Tom Lutz leave this evening for Newbern, and will take the remains to Union City, Tenn., their former home, for burial tomorrow.

The People's Friend—The SUN.

BLACK SILKS

The demand for black silk never diminishes. Good reason. What other fabric blends elegance and serviceableness so evenly? The spring crop is flourishing here; beautiful sheaves of splendid black silk that may be garnered at the slightest of little prices.

All silk black pongee, 32 inches wide, 75c
All silk, black foulards, soft finish, will not crack, 75c.
All silk, black penade sole, fine kid finish, \$1.00.
All silk, black crepe de chine, very rich, \$1.00.

COATS AND CAPES

April sunshine is delightful, but it is uncertain. You know the moods of April, so changeable, blows warm and cold by turns. Don't trifle with the imp that makes the air sharp and biting in the morning and evening; wear a spring jacket or cape. The cost of ours is next to nothing.

HOSIERY

Women's Ingrain Lisle Thread Hose, Richelieu and Rembrandt ribbed, double heels and toes, 35c.
Women's black lace lisle thread hose, large variety of openwork patterns, our own importation, 50c
Ladies' black lace hose 10c per pair, three for 25c

LACES AT HALF

Laces at half price. You need not be surprised. That's a very frequent happening here. Cotton torchon laces with insertion to match, a 6c value, our price 3c.

CARPETS, MATTINGS, LINOLEUMS.

The figures in annex that follow tell all. They will secure the rights of the stock. Words come easy, but they are not needed to strengthen our claims. We print just three items that point the way to a source of others equally surprising. All are unique results of our progressive methods.

3 pieces velvet carpets, made and laid at 85c per yard.
2 pieces all wool extra super, good styles but dropped patterns, a 60c value for 50c per yard.
10 pieces straw mattings, a lot of odd pieces, an 18c value at 15c.

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AGENT BUTTERICK PATTERNS.

Telegrams Costing \$1.64 a Word.

Now that the telegraph is established between Brazzaville, Loange and Libreville, Stanley Pool is in direct communication with Paris. The line is in good working order and at the end of October a telegram was sent from Brazzaville and was duly received in seventy-two hours. The cost is 3 1/2 francs (\$1.64) a word.

Refuse to Insure Royalty.

The uselessness of the heads that wear crowns will be heightened by the reported refusal of continental insurance companies to take the chances of anarchist activity. At all events, one company at Trieste has refused to grant a policy to King Alexander of Serbia, having had to pay 2,000,000 francs for King Humbert's life.

Wisconsin a Sheep State.

If one half the men who are now meditating settlement in the "burnt" lands of north Wisconsin, really do settle there, and take their flocks with them, it will be the liveliest sheep country this side of sandown.—American Sheep Breeder.

Ruled Mexico Twenty-Four Years.

When the presidential term closed on Nov. 20 General Porfirio Diaz had controlled the affairs of the Mexican republic for a period of twenty-four years, and under his wise, beneficent and energetic rule he has seen Mexico rise from a condition of industrial, commercial and political prostration and disturbance to a position which places it in an eminent niche among nations of the world.

WOMEN TO STRIVE FOR GOLF HONORS.

Whole Country Interested in Woman's Championship Tour—may to be Playoff next August.

MISS DEATRIS HOYT

MISS MARGARET CUBITT

MISS EVELYN UNDERHILL

MISS GENEVIEVE HECKER

MISS FRANCES C. GRISCOMB
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